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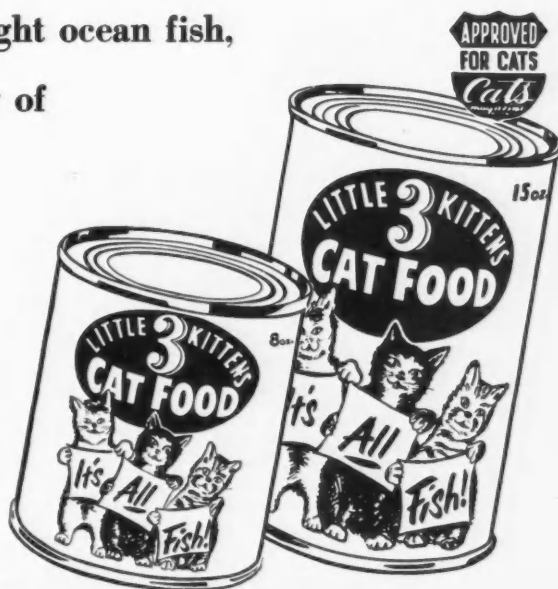
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The Readers Always Write



ALL AFLUTTER!!

Dear Editors:

I am sending you a picture of a little Blue Point Siamese kitten who thinks he is a mighty hunter. He is from a fine litter born in Oslo, Norway. Sire is Ch. Ban-chor Blue Thor, an English import.

We have just been in Stockholm with some of our best cats where we celebrated a ten-year anniversary exhibition.

I have just passed my last examination as a judge. We must take four exams to pass, a Longhair, a Shorthair, Siamese and Chinchilla.

We are going forward in Scandinavia now and our purebred cats are of very high standards here.

Maiken Svermingsen

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BRUSH OFF

Dear Editors:

Thanks a million for your magazine. Only four years ago, my husband and I received three cats in our home. I had to learn how to properly feed and care for them.

Now, neither of us can understand how we ever lived without cats. First, I read every book in the library I could find on the care and feeding of them, then I found your magazine and everything is fine.

My husband does those number paintings and he has them in the hundreds—but not one of a cat. I would appreciate your inquiring why they are not available, particularly the Siamese whose coloring would be comparatively simple. There must be thousands of cat lovers who would enjoy doing cat pictures and it may open a new field.

Thank you for everything.

Helen V. George

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GOOD YOKE

Dear Editors:

For the benefit of your many readers, I wish to correct John E. Thompson who wrote in the July issue (*Readers Write*) regarding the use of raw eggs in the diet of cats.

A biotin deficiency is unlikely to occur even with moderate feeding of raw egg whites. Such a deficiency is difficult to produce in the laboratory in rats and man—requiring a 35% and 30% ratio respectively of uncooked dried egg whites to bring about evidences of biotin deficiency.

Naturally, the feeding of raw egg white is not recommended, simply because it is considered unwise to add even a small amount of any harmful substance to the cat's food. However, I must point out that raw egg yolk, with the white discarded, is a very nutritious and beneficial addition to the diet, and I consider it a necessary part of the menu of my cats, especially kittens.

My boarders find it most acceptable as an "egg nog" with the egg yolk beaten into a condensed milk and water mixture—most of our cats will not accept egg yoke mixed with their regular diet. Some cats enjoy a cooked whole egg, and this will do no harm since the egg white is nearly pure protein when cooked, and the avidin is apparently rendered inactive.

My references are "Human Biochemistry", by Fleiner, fourth edition, and "Physiological Basis of Medical Practice" by Best and Taylor, fifth edition.

I hope this will help a little to clear up much confusion which has existed for years regarding the feeding of raw eggs.

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SOME DAY

Dear Editors:

Never have I found such understanding as I have found in CATS Magazine. All the wonderful articles and letters from cat lovers make me feel that my neighbors and friends are all wrong about me when they say that I am "teched in the haid" for thinking so much of cats. Right now I have eleven of the cute rascals. However, news travels far and wide in the cat world and when I look around there are several more near-homeless feeding at the offering bowls I set out daily with food and milk.

My heart and days are wrapped up in a fund raising project that I, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Coos County of Oregon Humane Society, have started. Operating our shelter on practically nothing, we have never had a proper building for the poor homeless cats. When they come to the Shelter,



WITH WHICH IS COMBINED

ALICE GRAYDON PHILLIPS'

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COVER

These tiny Chinchilla Longhairs won't be quite so cooperative a few weeks from now. But at this age they were only too glad to pose for Grant M. Haist's sleepy-time study.

the poor little creatures are put into dog pens. I am working toward the money to build a little shelter for the homeless and unwanted, where they can have a wire covered pen—a place to bask in the sunshine or dig in the sand. Our president, Mrs. Ed Lund is an unceasing worker, investigating all cruelty cases, housing and feeding the strays, aiding the injured—and she does it all without pay. We will get our shelter if I have to build it myself.

At my home here, we have four acres of land and it is a dream of mine to have a row of pens with large wire covered runs for cats and kittens that come my way only temporarily. I cannot understand people who are cruel to animals. In closing I wish with all my heart that all the cats in the world could have the care and kindness that all have known since they have come to live at my home.

Mrs. T. W. Rugh

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DECORATOR'S DILEMMA

Dear Editors:

I have been trying to find some cat or kitten appliqué patterns and decals that could be used in decorating a child's room. To date, I have been very unsuccessful. I would need a good size appliqué—perhaps 12 to 14 inches to do a bedspread, and would like decals that I can use on the dado.

Could any of your readers possibly help me?

Lillian Whitner

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GRIS GRIS OF NEW ORLEANS

By Irene Vinson

Madame John thought she must be getting old. Never before had she felt such resentment at the people with cameras who walked the streets of her native French Quarter in New Orleans. "Gawkers," she muttered to herself. "Why don't they stay at home on their dull farms, or in their silly little towns that all look alike? We Orleanians don't go gawking and snapping cameras at them." Then she wondered what made her think they lived on dull farms or in silly little towns. She had never lived anywhere except on Royal Street—the Saints be praised!—and she never intended living anywhere else. She must have gotten her ideas about other places from the arguments between Marie Laveau and Gris Gris.

Madame John had been named for a legendary figure of long ago, who was one among many in New Orleans. Her mistress had read all the books to be found on such matters, and had said, "You're such a serious little ball of fur, I'm going to call you Madame John. You'll probably act grown up as soon as your eyes are open."

She had not heard that, of course. She was too sound asleep with her brothers and sisters in a big basket, when she was christened, to be aware of anything, in the complete relaxation of a very young cat.

Now she was no longer young. She was the mother of many children, and her mistress, who still talked of the glories of old New Orleans, was becoming set in her ways, too.

Madame's children, who were still at home though both were nearly grown, were a girl named Marie Laveau after the great Voodoo Queen; and a boy, Gris Gris, whose name meant the charms that the Voodoo Queen had used in her magic. They could be charms for good or for evil; but from the time that Gris Gris first opened his snappy green eyes, Madame was afraid that his name signified only the evil charms. His coat was silky black, but his boots and collar were the purest white. "He's going to be a mean one," Madame's master had said. "I never saw that color cat that wasn't."

And now that Marie Laveau and Gris Gris were old enough to scale the brick wall and go prowling around the neighborhood, sure enough, Gris Gris had become almost unmanageable. He had no respect for his mother and sister; nor for his master and mistress, who were exceptionally kind. When he condescended to enter the drawing room for a brief visit, he chose the finest needlepoint chair and growled with menace if anyone challenged his right to it.

And he had no respect for the history and customs of New Orleans. "Everyone here is dead and doesn't know it—always

living in the past," he would say with scorn.

Perhaps Gris Gris' attitude was the reason for Madame John's resentment of the tourists. She must try to curb such feelings, she thought. After all, it wasn't the tourists' fault that they didn't live in her quaint historic Vieux Carré. Poor things!

Being in this charitable frame of mind on her way through the once notorious Pirate's Alley, she paused when she heard a woman exclaim, "What a beautiful cat! I wish you could get a picture of her, Henry." After the camera had clicked, Madame John arched her back and looked at the man and woman disdainfully, as if to say, "You couldn't have taken my picture if I hadn't permitted it." Then she slipped into the priest's garden behind the Cathedral.

Paying a call on the good father while he walked, in meditation, around the small secluded plot, was part of Madame's daily routine. She particularly needed help now on the proper way to handle Gris Gris, since he had become such a problem.

Once inside the garden, where the city's roar surrounding it could scarcely be heard, she felt there was no situation that she and time could not solve. Someday, my handsome son must learn humility, she thought. I hope I can teach him.

When she got back to the courtyard of her mistress, she found her children quarreling, as usual. Gris Gris, his shiny coat glistening in the sun, was stretched out on the low stone wall around the fountain. Though he never actually bothered the fish in the water at the base of the fountain—he was too well-fed to want to catch them—he enjoyed frightening them. He would extend his paw over the water, then with lightning speed, give its surface a light swipe.

Marie Laveau, perching daintily on the lacy wrought-iron railing of the stairway that led to the second-floor gallery, looked at Gris Gris with disdain. "He said he is going to leave home and go out and see the world," she told her mother. "Can you imagine a lazy, spoiled creature, such as he, making his own living?" Then she turned toward her brother. "Where else could you live on fine seafood that is served to you? I can't see you chasing

Photo
by
Hazel
Hutchinson



field mice in a dusty wheat field!"

"Perish the thought!" Gris Gris said with a shudder. "I could never bring myself to eat mice. Filthy little creatures! What makes you think I wouldn't find someone to serve me good food wherever I might be? New Orleans is not the only place where where my looks and personality would be appreciated."

"How conceited can you get!" Marie Laveau exclaimed.

"Stop quarreling this minute. You will drive me out of my mind," Madame John scolded. "Marie, you know I dislike hearing you use slang. Go out on the banquette and play with LuBelle. I must talk to Gris Gris."

With the martyred air of one persecuted unjustly, Marie Laveau did as she was told. Madame John knew that her daughter would rather have stayed to hear her lecture Gris Gris than to be sent to play with the kitten next door.

"A good life is a matter of contentment," Madame told her son. "We must be satisfied with what we have. But we should never be self-satisfied and arrogant. Of course, one can find happiness anywhere, but I have heard many people say that only in New Orleans are cats so highly regarded, and so well cared for that we grow far larger than average cats. You should appreciate that and stop this wild talk about leaving home."

Gris Gris didn't answer. He was asleep—or pretending to be.

During the next few days, Madame John had little time to worry about Gris Gris, for the entire household was busily preparing for the Spring Fiesta. The house was one of those that would be open to the public. Madame John's mistress would be dressed in antebellum costume and would serve tea to visitors in the courtyard. The bouganvillea vine, a living, purple-starred tapestry on the wall, would make a breath-taking background for the occasion. Madame John listened to extensive discussion about the affair. "Everything must be perfect, Celeste," her mistress had said to the maid. "One of my dearest friends and her husband are coming to stay with us."

Celeste scrubbed the paving stones in the courtyard, as well as the marble urns holding ferns and gigantic tropical plants.

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

IN MEMORY

Put away the heater, the tiny padded rug
On which she liked to linger in content-
ment safe and snug
No longer they'll be needed to while the
hours away
For our faithful cat, old Callie, now sleeps
beneath the clay.

The little striped saucer, where she lapped
her creamy milk;
The brush that stroked her garment, three-
colored, soft as silk;
The locust post she liked to scratch, in
playful feline ways—
Are left as sad reminders of the peaceful,
homey days.

When she was young and agile, every
dog would shun our home.
She was left with scars of combat when
a tomcat charged her young.
The rodents of our neighborhood moved
out when she moved in
Save those that chanced to risk it—and
their ranks grew very thin.

When old age overtook her and her eye-
sight had grown dim,
When her hearing got defective and arth-
ritis struck each limb,
We were more than glad to aid her, for
her lifework then was through,
And she purred appreciation, which was
all that she could do.

Like a member of our family, obedient
and good,
We talked to her as human, and I think
she understood.
So we say, "Farewell, old Callie, if for
good cats, anywhere,
There's a 'land beyond the sunset', we are
sure you will be there."

—John O. Speed

NONFICTION

Dynamos my family covet
Are mother cats that suitably
Bestow on us their baby cats
And purr all day inscrutably.

Ten dozen times the kittens mew,
Ten dozen times we hurry
To gather all the wanderers up
And stroke away their worry.

Such furry babies exercise
An absolute dominion
Which all my family idolize . . .
At least, that's my opinion.

—Sarah Bridge Graves

AUTUMN KITTEN

*He loves the falling leaves. It seems
a game
To pounce upon a bit of gold or
flame
That leaps before the wind. To his
great glee
He has found playmates mischievous
as he.
With upraised paw and bright, in-
quiring face
He stalks his quarry, tenses for the
chase.
Then, just as suddenly, the game
is done.
He yawns, contented, sleeps in au-
tumn sun.
What better season for a kitten's
choosing
Than one which seems designed for
his amusing?*

—Eleanor Owen Penick

OTHELLO

*Othello's velvet suit is midnight black.
He wears a white bow tie. Superbly
neat
Is he; although I must confess his back
Is grizzly-bearish-broad, and soft his
feet
As any shadow, brings him to my side.
He serenades me with contented p-u-r-r,
While I observe my sable pet with pride,
Though he is but a feline commoner!*

—Thelma Allinder

FELINE FELICITY

*Immense quiet of cat,
Coiled sleeping in your chair,
I know you for what you are—
The very core, pulsating heart
Of house-peace.
You are the moveless round
On the face of domestic water,
Where stone of quiet is fallen,
Circle on circle of silence
Eddying round
In ever enlarging circumference,
In patterned quiet extending
To house-walls. . . .*

*Yea, even beyond,
Circling the frosty meadow
To frozen, entwining hills. . . .*

*Immense quiet of cat,
Arched somewhere around the heart,
Hidden and secret,
Of silence—
Quiet evoker of peace.*

—Alice Clear Matthews

ESCORT

Strolling down the walk just so
Comes a large tom cat with a dog in
tow,
Both are colored black on white
Cat and dog are about the same height.

This however is not a race
As you can tell from the little dog's
face,
Nor does the cat fear a rearguard attack
From an escort who keeps some ten
feet back.

Not a sound escapes the pair
As together they take the evening air,
Tom cat turns in at his abode
Little dog ambles on down the road.

—Paul R. Taylor

Though he may count himself the least
That man I honor and revere
Who . . . in a great city dares to stand
The friend of every friendless beast.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

AT THE TABLE

*Kitty thinks that it is great
When he gets tidbits from my plate;
Then when he catches mice to eat
He comes and lays them at my feet.*

*Reasoning, with rare acumen
That I'm a cat and he is human.*

—Coral Nilsson

HUNTERS

*The cat that snared a careless bird
Was frowned upon by all,
And yet the feline only heard
Nature's instinctive call.*

*Let those who frozen upon a cat
Not hunt or fish at leisure,
And eat no fish or fowl, for that
Is dietary pleasure!*

—Phyllis M. Flaig

COMPLETE

*I thought to make my week complete
And do my mending all today,
But then my kitten came to lay
His head upon my lap and say,
With voice so intimately sweet,
The purring things just
kittens know . . .
I simply let my mending go.*

—Bonnie May Malody

CATS AND CAT PEOPLE PICTURED IN THE NEWS

A round-up of recent cat pictures in the press and other pictures honoring cats on this 11th National Cat Week, November 1-7.



Few cat lovers have missed a story or picture of "Swimmer", Santa Monica, California's, otter-like cat. Here's the complete series by Emerson Gaze of the Los Angeles Examiner through INS. Donna Falk is Swimmer's owner, and it was her father, Bill, who taught him how to dive, swim, and to climb out unaided after crossing the entire width of the pool.

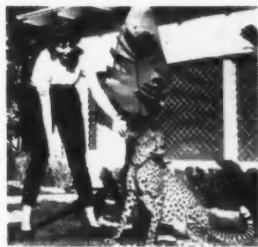


Mrs. Vivian Peterson, and her famous Beverly-Serrano cats and cattery in Buena Park, Calif., rated a complete two-page spread in the June Shell News, national Shell Oil Company magazine. This picture showing her with an armful of Danny, Keo-chat, Petite and Sheron is one of many taken by Gordon Laughner for the article. Mrs. Peterson is retiring from Shell after 18 years to devote full time to her home and cattery.

For 15 years the church cat of St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, England, would curl up in the pulpit each Sunday when the parson preached his sermon. He is still well-remembered as this picture shows.



Kiki, who posed several years ago for this famous portrait by well-known landscape artist Rudolph F. Ingerle, is now 19 years old and is a celebrity in St. Petersburg, Fla. She is the pet of Mrs. Ingerle who now lives there. Kiki was born in Paris and was a favorite subject of Ingerle who died in 1950—but he was very superstitious and would never sell one of her pictures no matter how much he was offered.



Cheetas are becoming fairly popular as exotic pets in California, but Bella's special claim to fame is that her mistress, Michel Green, has built her the bungalow of her own, complete with radiant heating.



Bill Early's Leachey grabs the door-knob with one paw, lifts the knocker with the other. It's his regular procedure when he wants in.



Virginia Cobb of Boston provided the picture and information on one of the rarest types of cat—the Mexican Hairless. "Friskey" was born in a normal litter and was owned by Loren Hanson of Hillsboro, N. H. He appeared in the 1931 Boston Cat Show.



The Miami Herald gave CFA Judge Beth O'Donovan the full treatment, recently, and let their readers get a splendid look at the inside story of her fine cattery. This photo showed her with three of her youngest.



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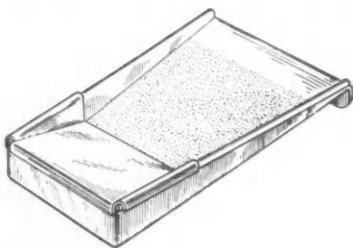


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'Tips to the Novice'

by

Blanche

Wolfram

It seems to have been a long time since this writer promised an article on the Siamese Cat. Up until this time I have not done so for I felt there were so many good books, written by some very famous people, that covered all aspects of the Siamese. However, many letters have come to me asking my opinion and an account of their breeding and care. Therefore, in my own words the following is an honest opinion of why I like the Siamese Cat.

What is there about Siamese cats that endears them to the hearts of so many? To me it's the distinctive and exotic look that makes them so striking in appearance, and their many qualifications that invite you to love them. They are inquisitive by nature and love to delve into things with an ardor bordering on the mischievous. They will keep you constantly amused by their imaginary seeking of prey. Their love for getting into things may be exasperating at times but you just have to love them for it can be so amusing.

The way they walk with their lithe, sleek, sure-footedness, is a study in rhythm and their ability to climb and jump with adeptness and perfect balance prevents their being injured. We may find ourselves, wishing at times, that they couldn't do this so well.

Their ability to maintain a running conversation will always keep you entertained. Yes, they love to talk and will do their best to talk with you. If you will but take the time to understand the various tonal expressions of their voices you will almost be able to fully understand what they are trying to tell you. There will be some people who will be annoyed with all this talking, but to those who really know the Siamese, this is one of their more pleasant attributes.

They are great ones, especially the kittens, for joining in games. They love to chase after things which you may toss about, and believe it or not, many of them will return the toy for you to toss again. In this type of play they will tire you out before they become weary.

The way they can sit and look at you as if studying you every move makes you sometimes wonder what goes through those little minds of theirs. At times they can appear so sphinx-like and at other times can seem so concerned about you. They can very well adapt themselves to your mood, being gay when you are and sympathetic if blue.

They are intelligent animals and many

THE SIAMESE CAT

owners will speak for hours on end about the various exploits and the many near-human things that they do. Yes, they are easily trained in many ways because of this natural aptitude.

Some of you ask: what should a good Siamese really look like? Well, let's take into consideration the qualifications of a show cat. Show cats are considered to be the ultimate in a fine cat with all breeders endeavoring to produce the perfect cat. Each of us tries with all the knowledge we can obtain to come up with a cat that will bring to us the ribbons and honors of a winner. So, to earn such a reward, you must have the following qualifications or, come as close as you can to the standards as set up through the years by the breeders before us. Through their constant efforts to improve the cats of their day they have brought the Siamese to the present-day beauty.

All Siamese regardless of color, should have a body medium in size, dainty, long and svelte, with the males being larger than the females. The neck should be long and slender. Legs should all be proportionately slim with the hind legs slightly higher than the front legs. The feet should be small and oval in shape. The tail long and tapering with no visible kinks.

The head should be long and should taper in straight lines from the ears to a narrow muzzle, with no breaks at the whiskers. The receding chin caused by the failure of the upper and lower teeth to meet in a straight line is a serious fault. The skull is to be flat, and the nose is to be a continuation of the forehead with no break. In profile a straight line is seen from the center of the forehead to the tip of the nose. Allowance is to be made for the heavier jowls of a stud cat. The ears should be large—wide at the base and tapering to the tip.

The eyes should be almond-shaped slanting towards the nose in true Oriental fashion, they should not have the appearance of being cross-eyed. They should be clear and of a deep, vivid blue color for the Seal Points with a lighter shade for the other colored points.

We all know that there are distinct colors on the body of the Siamese cat, and these are called the points. These points which are darker or more defined than the rest of the body are the mask, ears, legs, feet and tail. By mask, it is meant that portion of the face and forehead that has the distinct color. This darker portion of the mask should be connected by tracings of the same color with the ears. Of course there is an exception with kittens for the coloring has not as yet reached its full saturation.

The coat, or fur should be fine in texture, glossy, and lying close to the body.

Siamese should have a good physical condition, inclined to be muscular without a flabby appearance from fat. They should give an appearance of sleekness with a streamlined look.

This brings us up to the various colors and we shall consider the Seal Point first for this was the beginning of all Siamese colors. The body should be an even pale fawn or cream, shading gradually into a lighter color on the stomach and chest. The coat color should not be grey. As the cat grows older these colors will darken and allowance is made for this. However, there should still be a contrast between the body color and the points. The points should be dense and clearly defined and be of the same deep shade of seal brown. The foot pads will be almost of this same color. The eyes should be the dark vivid blue color.

The adult Blue Point is to follow the same pattern as the Seal Point with the exception that the coat is to be a bluish white changing gradually to an oyster white on the stomach and chest. Points to be a much darker blue, but of the same tone as the coat. There must be no fawn color in the coat. The color of the foot pads is to match the darker shade of the points. The eyes should be of a china blue color.

The Chocolate Point is to follow the Seal Pattern with these exceptions: The points should be an even milk chocolate color and the ears should not be darker than the other points. The body should be an ivory color all over without any gray or dingy shadings. The foot pads should be of a cinnamon pink color. The eyes should be a clear, bright china blue and should not be a pale or slaty color.

The Frost Points also follow the general pattern of colors with these exceptions. The body color should be an even glacial white without shadings. The points should be a frost gray of pinkish tone, and should be as even in color as possible. The inner surface of the ears a delicate peach blossom tone, and the nose a faded lilac hue at the tip. The foot pads should be salmon pink in color. The eyes should be a clear china blue and should not be a pale or slaty color. The Frost Point will be generally smaller than the Seal Point but should not be penalized for size if it is well proportioned and of good conformation.

Some of the more undesirable features of the Siamese regardless of color are round-headed, flat, thick-set specimens. There should be no semblance of a hood (a continuation or an extension of the point coloring over the top of the head, around the sides of the head, and under the throat. The mask instead of fading away gradually at the throat, makes a distinct change in color so it would appear that a hood was tied around the head. Tracings to the ears are lost as the mask continues up between the ears.) Rough or shaggy coats. Odd eye color; grey or yellowish tinge in the eyes; crossed eyes. Belly and hip spots. Tabby or ticked markings. Light hairs in points. White feet or toes. Receding chin. Grey coat in Seal Points or fawn coat in Blue Points.

Beside these colors there is another color which is struggling for recognition

and this one is called the Red Point. Some day in the not too distant future this color may be recognized by all the associations. Personally I would like to see other colors bred such as black points or cream points. This would add to the number of show classes, and thereby increase the possibilities of winning. You see there are so few colors and so many Siamese that it makes it very difficult to win. There are times when there are as many as twenty of the same color competing in one color class. Only one can win so, the more colors the better chance more cats will have.

What about breeding? Breeding for the perfect Siamese is the same as for any other breed. You must have a thorough knowledge of what you wish to attain and breed for it. Study the faults as well as the good points of your cats and strive to better the situation. It is imperative that you constantly try to improve your stock for as I said before, the competition is tremendous. For those of you who are just starting out in the breeding of Siamese I offer you the following suggestions.

First, determine the color of Siamese you wish to specialize in. Buy the best you can afford in that color and do not buy one of one color and another of some other color. My reason for telling you this is, kittens from a mixed color mating will vary as to color. Let's consider you a mate Seal Point with a Blue Point. Some of the kittens will be Seal Points, some will be Blue Points and some will be one color and carry genes of the other color. Now, color breeding has been going on for years and years and it won't be necessary for you to attempt this long drawn out method to obtain results. Other breeders have already done this for you and there are so many available that it is not necessary for you to begin all over. So, if you want Seal Points buy two of them and when the kits arrive they will be Seal Points. The same thing applies to any of the colors, just remember to buy them in pairs, and do not mix them.

Another thing to remember in breeding is—Siamese kittens are all born white and the change to true coloring comes gradually. Then too, not every kitten is going to be a world beater. No mam, the perfect Siamese is rare and if you get one or two good ones a year that meet all the standards you are indeed a lucky person. Many will come very close and there will be many others that won't. This is what makes breeding so interesting, waiting for that kitten of your dreams.

In regard to being *A Midwife To Your Cat* refer to my article on this, for Siamese are the same as any other cat in the birth of kittens. You should also consult my articles *Care of Kittens from Birth to Weaning* and *Care of Kittens After Weaning*. These articles will also cover the care of the Siamese kittens with one exception and that is—use special care to keep the Siamese kittens warm while very young.

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Hope you used to good advantage the article in the October issue of CATS on how to get first class photographs of your cats. The picture of year will be chosen by the end of the year—December's picture of the month will be the last one to be entered for the 1956 prizes. You still have a little time to be the big winner in this important-to-cats contest.

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ALL CATS NEED ALL CAT LOVERS

By Guy Bogart

There will never be a foreseeable time when cat lovers can relax in their fight for all felines. A survey of the 1956-1957 outlook calls for a special alert—more so than for any period in many years. The tortures of the middle age Christian church and the witch burnings have changed in mode only, without too much alteration in the amount of suffering of the cats. Cat lovers dare express themselves without prejudice today and there are more folks who either like or tolerate cats, but the predominant atmosphere still rages from indifference to bitter, unreasoning hatred.

The cat still walks by its own lone self and Kipling was right that "three proper men out of five will always throw things at a Cat whenever they meet him." Do you know a law that protects the cat? I believe that finally we are forming the basis of the Cats Bill of Rights in the veto messages of two governors (one a Republican and one a Democrat) to laws passed to hamstring "marauding cats." Of course if the cat has no laws to protect it, neither has an enforceable licensing law been passed. So, it is the delightful and unending job of those who like cats, under the inspiration of those of us who love them, to protect their interests. When we can get cat and dog lovers in Animal Birth Control as a major humanitarian program (and here the fight is on), the biggest step in centuries will have been made, and the later protective advances will be easier.

Do I exaggerate on the overall majority attitude of the American public (and of the world as well) towards cats? How about the California ministerial student who in 1955 soaked a cat in gasoline, set fire to it and set it loose in the girls' dormitory of his Pasadena religious college as a joke on the coeds? The judge let him off with a reprimand; his college faculty and president condoned this young divinity student without punitive action. And the public? One in several hundred thousand wrote in protest; a large number of others deplored the matter for a few seconds; to the great majority it was just another newspaper thrill for a few days.

Isolated case? Not if you keep in touch with trends. Let's come to the spring of 1956. Bert Fireman, columnist of the Phoenix (Arizona) Gazette in April, 1956 has the story of what he rightly calls a "Horrid Example." You should read it all—here's a paragraph: "It has happened in a good middle class Phoenix neighborhood. That will do for identity. Good people live on the streets around here. They have the kind of problems and lives common to good people. They have friends, good times, debts, children, petty quarrels and pets. Most have dogs, many have cats. . . . A few cats went wandering on moonlight nights, and, being cats, howled a little. . . . They learned that a neighbor

was baiting traps with fish in his backyard. Some he took to the pound to be destroyed. Others—well, he just laughed when the lady asked about her cat. He denied nothing. He said he will continue to catch and kill every cat that comes near. There is no law that can stop him, he says, as long as they intrude upon his property. Lawyers have verified his legal rights. My correspondents say he is active as a Boy Scout leader and in good standing in his church. Will either of these groups take note and remind him that Jesus was sorrowful at the sparrow's fall and that the Boy Scout is taught to be kind?

You can multiply these data by yesterday or tomorrow in daily happenings. We are a minority and any relaxation on the part of a single cat lover means harm and hurt to All Cats. If Governors Stevenson and McKeldon have established the basis for The Cats' Bill of Rights, it is up to us to write the constitution to their prologue.

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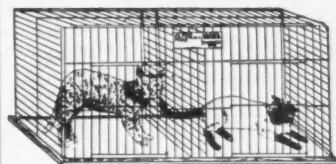
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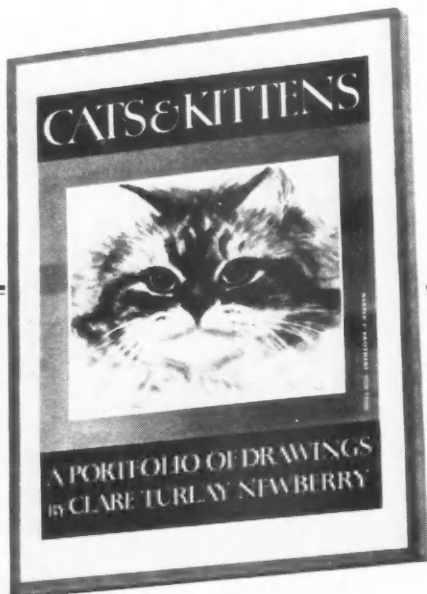
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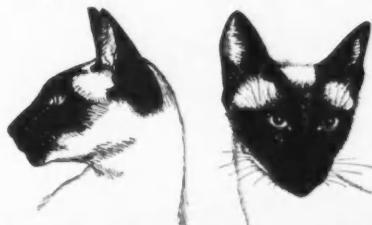
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—Miss Nancy Wisden

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—Mrs. William Borssuk

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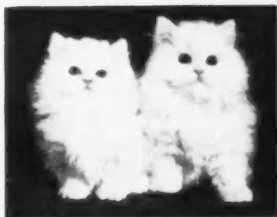
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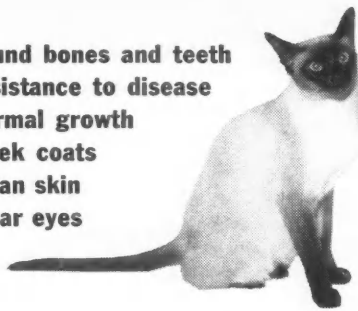
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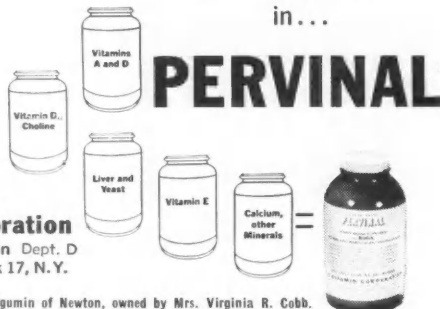
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by Ida M. Mellen

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The aim of his book, he says, is "to foster the inquisitive spirit", and he himself exhibits such a spirit in the matter of the cat's nine lives by treating it from a fresh point of view. He lists these seven of the supposed nine life-saving faculties:

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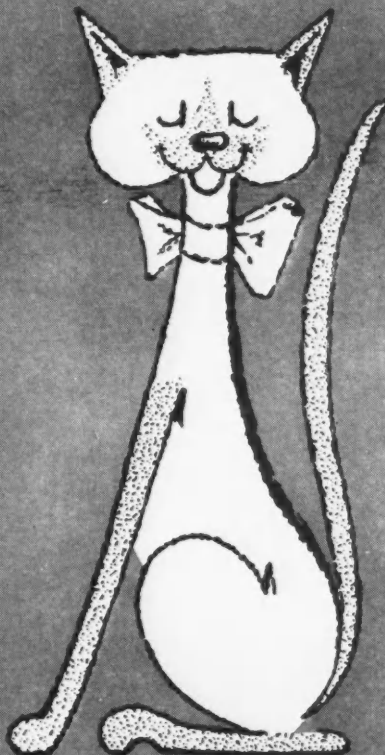
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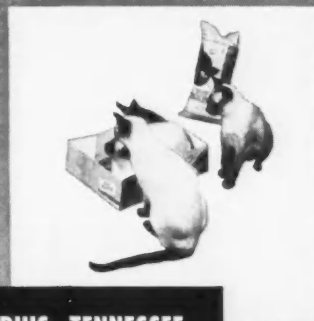
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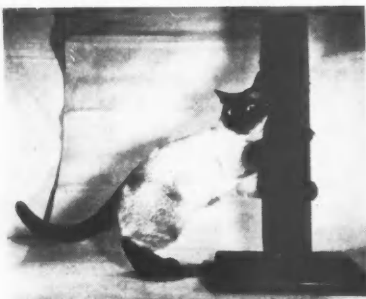
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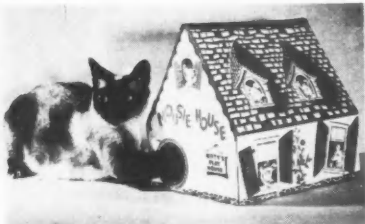
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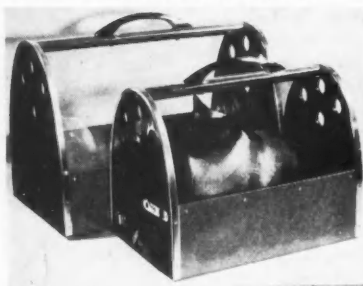


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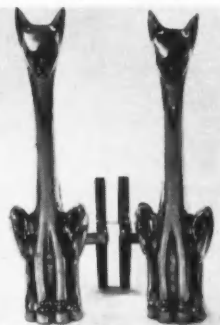
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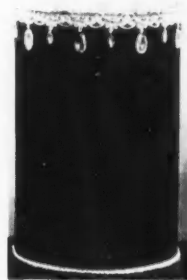
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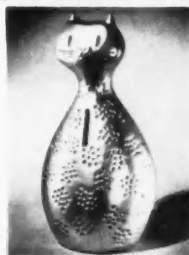
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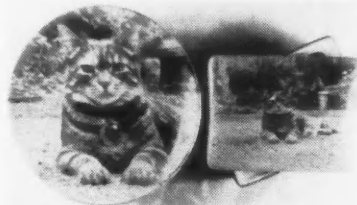
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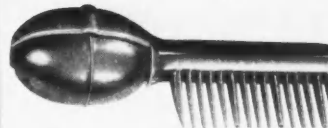
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 10-11—Walnut Creek (Contra Costa County), Calif.—Mt. Diablo Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. H. O. Reed); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. C. C. Strange).
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 17-18—Atlanta, Ga.—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. L. Darrel Sample); LH and SH Specialties (Kay Thoma McQuillen).
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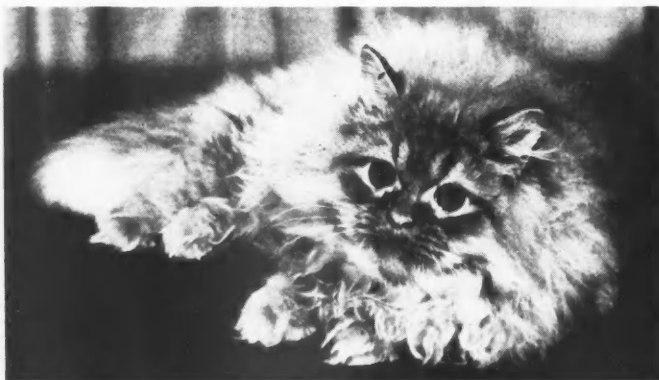
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Show Calendar

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December

- 1-2—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Betty Youngman); LH Specialty (Louise Price); SH Specialty (Mildred Alexander).
- 1-2—Long Beach, Calif.—Long Beach Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed and Specialties.
- 1-2—Louisville, Ky.—Ohio Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH Specialties (Hope Johnson).
- 1-2—Chicago—Beresford Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. E. F. Hamaker).
- 1-2—East Orange, N. J.—The Garden State Cat Club of N. J., Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin); SC Specialty (Mrs. John Swenson); T&T Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Silver Specialty (Mrs. Swenson); Siamese Specialty (Sven Nelson).
- 1-2—Seattle, Wash.—Puget Sound Cat Club (ACFA).
- 8-9—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Horace Reed).
- 8-9—Miami, Fla.—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); Shorthair Breed Specialties and Longhair Color Specialties.
- 13-14—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed, Specialties.
- 15-16—Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.—Long Island Cat Breeders Club (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH Specialty (Mrs. J. J. Small); SH Specialty (Alice Dugan).
- 15-16—Los Angeles, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton); Silver Specialty (Mrs. James Mood); SH Specialty (Mrs. M. E. Farmer).

January

- 5-6—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter); T&T, Silver, SC Specialties (Mrs. Rita Swenson).
- 5-6—Burbank, Calif. (San Fernando Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. Jess Adair); LH Specialty (Mrs. Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Mrs. Virginia Lee Swann); Tabby & Tortie Specialty (Mrs. Emma Grant).
- 6—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Gulf Shore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Dorothy Keller); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Ralph Mabie).
- 10-11—New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. D. Carroll); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. J. H. Revington); All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty (Mrs. Revington); Siamese Specialty (Mrs. Richard O'Donovan).
- 12-13—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH Specialty (Mrs. Michael O'Brian); SH Specialty (Mrs. J. P. Goforth).
- 12-13—Miami, Florida—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Robert E. Martin); LH and SH Specialties (Dorothy Hunt).
- 12-13—Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances McCracken); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Max Fiedler).
- 19-20—Las Vegas, Nevada—Lucky Las Vegas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH, SH, Breed and Color Specialties.
- 19-20—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mary K. Carroll); SH Specialty (Kay Thoma McQuillen).
- 19-20—Solon, Ohio—Portage Trail Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
- 26-27—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH and SH Specialties (Lucile Pelton).

February

- 2-3—Fresno, Calif.—Central California Cat Club (ACFA).
- 2-3—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); SC and SH (Mrs. Lawrence Pelton).
- 2-3—Memphis, Tenn.—Memphis & Mid-South Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (D. Deans-Henderson); LH and SH Specialties (Mars Hanson).
- 9-10—Rockford, Ill.—Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Don Clapp); LH and SH Specialties (Harriet Wolfgang).
- 9-10—Honolulu, Hawaii—Hawaii Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
- 10—Lynwood, Calif.—Los Amigos Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (June Williams); LH and SH Specialties (Evelyn King).
- 16-17—Buffalo, N. Y.—Frontier Feline Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH and SH Specialties (Lillian Limpert).
- 16-17—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. G. E. Hamaker); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. Max Fiedler).
- 23-24—Dallas Texas—American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Rollin A. Cable); LH and SH Specialties (Ann Manley).
- 23-24—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH and SH Specialties (Mrs. B. Tebbetts).
- 23-24—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH and SH Specialties (Beth O'Donovan).
- 23-24—San Francisco, Calif.—Golden West Cat Club (CFA). All Breed, LH Specialty, SH Specialty. (Judges to be announced).

March

- 2—Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club, Inc. (UCF). All Breed—Longhair Division (D. Dean Henderson); All Breed—Shorthair Division (Leila Paterson); LH Specialty (Phyllis Whitney); SH Specialty (Mrs. Richard Birkett).
- 3—Oakland, Calif.—California Cat Fanciers (UCF). All Breed—Longhair Division (Leila Paterson); All Breed—Shorthair Division (D. Dean Henderson); LH Specialty (Louise Price); SH Specialty (Doris O'Connell).
- 9-10—Washington, D. C.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Miss Elsie G. Hydon); Specialties (To be announced).

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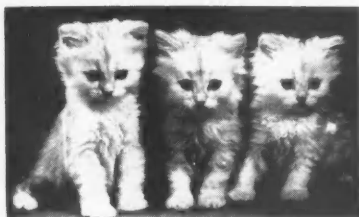
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ANNUAL MEETING OF UCF

The Annual meeting of the United Cat Fed-
eration, Inc., was held at Los Angeles, Septem-
ber 15, 1956. Officers for the ensuing year were
elected as follows: President and Treasurer, Mr.
Earle Philips; First Vice President, Mrs.
Dorothy Denning; Second Vice President, Mrs.
Carolyn Alig; Recorder, Mrs. Phyllis Whitney,
P. O. Box 57, San Geronimo, Calif.; Secretary,
Mr. W. F. Jack Wedel, 737 Butterfield Rd.,
San Anselmo, Calif. Additional Members of the
Board of Directors elected were: Miss Katherine
Beswick, Mr. Richard Birkett, Mr. James Black-
ford, Mr. Herbert Gosling, Mr. Leigh Manley,
Mrs. Ethel Maule, Mrs. Isabel Meader, and Mr.
Lawrence Metcalf.

The delegates discussed and accepted the
standard of the **Burmese Breeders of America**
as one more nearly approaching the ideals of the
Federation than its existing standard. Show
rules were modified to permit the **Best**
Champion in each of the three Longhair Di-
visions to earn points toward Grand Champion-
ship in the same manner as has been accorded
to Shorthair cats.

As the color descriptions at present applied
to nose leather and paw pads of Siamese cats
lack both definiteness and precision and inas-
much as attempts to describe any scientifically
identifiable color led to confusion of terms, the
standard will be modified and will henceforth
require that nose leather and paw pad color
shall harmonize and conform to the general
tone of the points.

It was the general feeling of those present
that the 1955 decision to remain free and in-
dependent had been a wise one. As there has
been some misunderstanding in this matter, the
Secretary was instructed to inform all fanciers
that the Federation has **not** been merged, nor
has it become a part of any other organization,
nor is it considering so doing. However, its
members, officials and judges are entirely un-
restricted in their affiliations and activities
within the Fancy, as this is one of the original
principles of the Federation.

The steady growth of the Federation, the
expansion of its Stud Book, and its healthy
financial condition brought expressions of satis-
faction from all delegates.

TOO MANY, TOO SOON

I agree wholeheartedly with Genevieve Gib-
son that the shows for the East are scheduled
too close together. I also feel the majority of
them are too early for Longhairs. Last year
was ideal when they were spaced over the win-
ter months up to March. One or two early
shows are fine, but how about a few later in
the winter.

—Pauline Filkins (Mrs. C. E.)

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LOS AMIGOS KITTEN SHOW

At a non-championship kitten show held by
the Los Amigos ACFA Club in Covina, Cali-
fornia, August 19, Pitti-Pat's Stardust, FP f.,
owned by Mrs. Lawrence Bristol was Best Kit
in the All Breed. Mrs. C. E. Leonard's Sugar
Puss, Cr. f., was Best in the Longhair Spe-

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cialty; and Talasmar Trinket, SP f., owned by Dave Morrison was tops in the Shorthair Specialty. Judges were Mrs. LaVona Wright, Mrs. Edith Williams, and Mrs. Peggy Galvin.

FROM MRS. DAY

Dear Editors:

Will you please enter in Fancier's Forum my gratitude for the thirty some letters in accordance with my opinion and also those that were against it as expressed in my letter "What are we doing to Siamese?" which you published in March.

Mr. Day and I were involved in a serious automobile accident—he was badly injured, and I am suffering from a broken back, so will be unable to answer all the letters personally as I would like to do.

I wish even more breeders would write their opinions for or against to stimulate a broader judgment.

Thanks and regards to all my friends,
Lois Day
3716 W. Century Blvd.
Inglewood 2, Calif.

CLAM BAKE FOR CONN. CATS

The Connecticut Cat Fanciers, Inc., held a New England Clam Bake at their mid-summer meeting at Sherwood Cattery, North Guilford, on July 21. Proceeds were donated to the Show Fund. Twenty members were present to discuss plans for their show to be held November 3 and 4. The club's membership now totals more than 50, and new members are always welcome.

WU KHAKI KADET

Ownership of Wu Khaki Kadet was shown incorrectly in the August All-Eastern listing. This EHM Chocolate Point Male has been owned by Gladise M. German since January 1956.

NEW PITTSBURGH CAT CLUB

An organizational meeting of a new cat club for the Western Pennsylvania-Eastern Ohio area was held on August 26th. Officers elected were President, Blanche Wolfram; First Vice President, Mr. Joseph Irons; Second Vice President, Mrs. Lucille Pelton; Secretary, Mr. Carl Soderberg, Box 371, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Treasurer, Mrs. Catherine Hills. Application for membership in CFA has been made.

BACK FENCE

(from page 30)

she charges half a dollar a day. This fee includes the best food, maid service, necessary baths and a great deal of love and attention. Much of the profit she gives to the Animal Shelter.

She has noticed while in the business, that cats are likely the fussiest of eaters. Most of her boarders are happy with canned food, horsemeat, and such, but one Persian she was boarding had become used to eating trout and wouldn't touch anything else. Oh, yes, her owners supplied that particular diet.

Mrs. Shanteau has as many cat guests as 30 at one time. People from neighboring states have heard about her and will drive many miles to see that their cats will enjoy the finest away from home.

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DR. MELLON

(from page 16)

and a frightening aspect for its effect upon the enemy.

None of the seven lives, he says, implies intelligence, yet he recognizes in the cat the ability to educate its kittens and a "self-assured independence and ability to walk alone in all circumstances," crowned by a "first-class intelligence."

Sir Arthur does not tell us where the superstition arose that the cat has nine lives. Perhaps in China, where nine has always been regarded as a mystic, inscrutable number? It is difficult to believe that many cats have the faculty of escaping death nine times. Probably the majority, like most other mammals, possess no more than one or two lives. Proof to the contrary, however, could we but have it, would help to fill a conspicuous gap in our knowledge of the ways of the ever-mysterious cat.

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(This adv. paid for by a friend who wants to help).

GRIS GRIS

(from
page 5)

Madame John kept constant guard to see that her children and their playmates did not bring in rubbish from the street. She washed and groomed Marie Laveau and Gris Gris for hours on end. "This is a lot of foolishness," Gris Gris said. But, because of his vanity, he permitted it. He liked to be admired.

He was admired by all of the visitors. The house-guests took a particular fancy to him, and asked that they be allowed to take him home with them to a distant city. Madame John's master and mistress talked it over and, rather reluctantly, agreed to give Gris Gris to their friends.

Madame John was heartbroken when she heard their decision. She had been parted from many children in her lifetime, but in spite of the worry Gris Gris had caused her, he was her favorite. However, she had not expected to keep him with her forever. Having a home with nice people would be better for him than starting out on his own.

Marie Laveau was sad, also. She knew she would miss her brother, if for no other reason than to quarrel with him. "We must not feel bad," Madame consoled her. "He will be well cared for, and going away is what he wants." But to herself, she said bitterly, "I wish these people had never set foot in New Orleans."

On the morning of the guests' departure, Madame John made her visit to the

priest earlier than usual. She needed the comfort that only he could give her, before saying goodby to Gris Gris. But even the kind priest could ease her heartache but little on this sad day.

When she got back to the courtyard, her mistress and the guests were quite disturbed. The guests were ready to leave, with their luggage packed in their car, but they could not find Gris Gris. They had looked in every conceivable place he might be. They had searched the street and neighboring courtyards, calling his name. Then, as the morning was rapidly passing, the guests said they must go without him.

When the car drove away, Marie Laveau danced happily around the courtyard. But, mother-like, Madame John was torn between a feeling of great relief and a feeling of sorrow because her son had missed getting what he wanted. Where could he be? She wondered. Why, knowing that this morning was the time he was to leave for his new home, had he wandered off somewhere? Had he forgotten?

She did not have to wonder long. In a few minutes, Gris Gris sprang gracefully down from the courtyard wall and settled himself for a nap, unconcerned about anything.

"Where have you been?" His mother demanded. "Did you forget that those people were leaving this morning and were going to take you? They had to go without you."

"I didn't forget, and I know they're

gone," Gris Gris said as if the matter was hardly worth mentioning. "I watched them drive away."

"So you didn't want to leave home, after all!" Marie Laveau taunted. "You and your big talk!"

"I decided there was no reason to exert myself to see the world," Gris Gris replied, lazily. "The world can come to me. All of it will, sooner or later. That's one advantage in living in New Orleans."

He stretched out a paw and pulled Marie Laveau down beside him. In a moment they were both sound asleep.

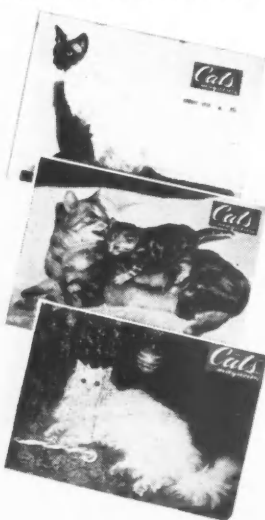
Madame John smiled. How quickly life's disturbances dissolve when one is young! She thought. She was tempted to curl up beside her children in the warm sunshine and let sleep erase the memory of the past few weeks. She was utterly exhausted. But first, there was something she must do. She must again visit the priest so he could see how happy she was. She knew he had been worried about her when she had seen him earlier this morning.

It took her a long time to walk the short length of Pirate's Alley, for she stopped to pose for every tourist's camera. Suddenly, she realized she was no longer exhausted. She actually felt young! She would never again resent tourists; they were the world coming to her Gris Gris and her Vieux Carré. With her head high and her steps as light as thistledown, she entered St. Anthony's Garden, feeling proud and happy that she could share her beloved city and her handsome son with the world.

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THE NOVICE

(from page 9)

Siamese: we differ somewhat from that of the Persians. One important thing to keep in mind is the Siamese must be a streamlined cat. You are required to become a dietician and learn through experience the correct amount of food that will be sufficient for the health and welfare of your cat. All cats regardless of breed must be fed a diet that will contain all the necessary nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, etc. In my previous articles a discussion of a balanced diet was carried out to great length and it is suggested you go back over them and study them thoroughly.

There are some exceptions to that diet in regard to the Siamese, and one of them is fat. Large amounts of raw fat are not too good for any cat and it seems it troubles the Siamese more than any other cat. Also, it will tend to make them heavy and this you do not want. Calcium is very necessary and it is advisable to fortify their food with this mineral. One very good way to do this is give them Nutritive Capsules by Parke-Davis. Open the capsule and give one half in each feeding, mix it right in with the meat. These capsules contain calcium, vitamin D and other vitamins of the B group, and in my estimation they are very good for the cat. Another item of food is liver. If you wish to darken the points feed lots of liver and by the same token if you wish to lighten the points go easy with the liver.

An item of importance to Siamese is exercise. Yes, see to it that they get good workouts daily, for this will wear off excess fat and permit the muscles to become firm and well-proportioned.

When it comes to grooming, I would say cleanliness plays just as important a part as it does with any breed of cat. Bathing will help bring out the contrast in the colors of the coat. However, unlike the Persians whom we bathe a day or two before the show, the Siamese should be bathed at least ten days previous to the show. The reason for this is that shampooing hair makes it fluffy and soft which tends to make it stand out from the body. This cannot be the case with the Siamese for their fur must, according to the standards, lie close to the body. In order to get the fur to do this you must train the fur to remain that way. It is not wise to use the hands in this training for the secretions from the hands will spoil any fur. Chamois cloth, suede or silk are excellent to use for this purpose. It is preferable to use a glove made from either for it will not be as unwieldy as a cloth. Then too, the cat will believe he is being lovingly fondled whereas the cloth may scare him. To train the fur, do it all year round by rubbing the fur in the general direction of which it grows. Do not forget the legs nor the tail for they are equally important.

When the cat sheds, the old fur dies, causing it to become lighter in color. You must groom the cat to remove the dead

fur by means of brushing. Some breeders use the rubber type of brush. It has numerous solid rubber teeth and does a very quick job of removing the dead fur. However, be careful with it, for it will denude the cat very quickly. Before show time single miscolored hairs here and there may be plucked out without irritating the cat too much but, if large numbers appear it is not wise to use this method. You will either have to look to the cat's health or study your breeding and breed it out in succeeding generations. You must keep your cat healthy for if not it will show up in the fur. A fever line, like ticking in appearance will appear on each hair. When this happens it is impossible to get it out for a long time, it will have to grow out.

In good grooming it is important to see that the eyes are kept clear and that no wax is permitted to collect in the ears. Refer to my article *Ears and Eyes*.

We now come to a very debatable point. Feeding at show time. Some breeders believe that no food should be given the Siamese a day or two before the show and no food at all during the showing. In order to keep that streamlined look it is not advisable to feed in quantities, and as some cats are a little upset at the shows, constipation may develop causing the stomach to bloat. If your cat is allowed to gorge itself at feeding time at the show it will definitely spoil its appearance for winning. Your cat will not understand why he cannot be treated as he is at home and will very often voice his objection to this lack of food. Unless you are quite a diplomat with him he will be a little difficult to manage. I believe this condition can be brought under control by feeding small amounts, say a teaspoonful, every two hours. In this way he will not only be kept quiet, but he will receive nourishment as well without any trying situations developing.

If you are one of the fortunate ones who have kept all the magazines containing articles on the care of cats that have been written by me you can very well go over them for the advice given is for all cats regardless of breed. If not, I have had some of the articles reprinted and the complete set can be yours for only \$3.00. They are punched so that they can be kept in a three-ring book binder. Among them are: *Being a Midwife to Your Cat*, *Care of Kittens from Birth to Weaning*, *Care of Kittens after Weaning*, *Vitamins for Your Cat*, *Minerals for Your Cat*, *Carbohydrates and Fats*, *The Balanced Diet*, *Stud Cats for your Queen*, *Treating Fungus*, *Internal Parasites (Worms)*, *External Parasites (Fleas)*.

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The tale end of a summer romance? The New York *Villager's* columnist, Henry H. Curran, caught sight of one the other day in Washington Square. A tall determined boy, a serious girl and a half grown kitten, seemingly bent on a last walk together. Beset with the solving of this *affaire d'coeur*, the lass absent-mindedly set the cat down on the grass from whence said feline went hastily to a nearby tree, climbed up to a 20-foot branch and sat and sat, ignoring all entreaties.

Prevailing, as only a pretty young gal can, upon the young man to get her kitten the situation soon gathered a cheering crowd. Unskilled though he was in the art of scaling a tree, advised though he was by his audience, he threw discretion and sartorial pride to the winds and retrieved this creature whose legendary fame springs from his agility and climbing prowess.

The miscreant, safe in the arms of her grateful owner, the crowd started to pursue its own ways again. A remark, "All that trouble for a cat," was answered by, "No, for a girl."

The girl and the boy? They too walked away—the boy looking grim and unhappy until his girl reached over, placed her hand in his, thanked him and stayed close by his side.

Indeed, it is a stupid little kit who can't see when cupid really needs a helping hand. It may stem from the fact that a cat's eyes are the best. H. H. Miller, Omaha's *World-Herald* reporter has garnered all kind of proof that your pet, the cat, can see wonderfully well, even if he reads CATS for 15 years.

Recent tests, according to the *Journal of the Optical Society of America*, show that cats have practically no presbyopia and would almost never need spectacles. So, if an optometrist doesn't favor cats, you can't blame him. They have proven that an old cat can see better than a human of relative years and isn't subject to the farsightedness that affects us poor old people when we hit 45.

In general, geriatricians report, cats are better preserved than dogs in terms of persistence of teeth, activity, hunting and grooming.

British zoologist Alex Comfort of the University College in London, reports that cats outlive all other pets. The oldest female in this study was 31 years old and had kittens at 26.

What! This news, meaning the last part of that astounding fact, doesn't bring joy to your heart??? Twenty-six years of the sound of little kittens' feet multiplied by—how many females have you?

One very proper lady we heard of did things up golden when she realized she was about to increase the feline populace. Deserting the nice people who had beribboned and belled her, she found her way to the Northside Maternity Hospital in Rochester, New York. Although, it

will be a month or so before it will open, Calico believed that a mother-to-be should be in such a building.

Frank Feemin, in charge of setting up the hospital equipment found her, and believing her to be a neighborhood pet, fed her and then put her out. Calico was adamant, so Mr. Feemin resigned himself to being guardian of her two-kitten litter. The white one allowed herself to be sheltered in the home of one of the workmen, but the buff one still evades all efforts to be anything but "The Wild One". It really seems there is no sanctity anywhere—Calico's second family is well on its way, so says the *Democrat & Chronicle*. Friends are requested to ask at the desk for room number.

Joanne Gordon, writer for the *Tulsa World*, revisited her early youth on reading a classified ad in the lost and found column wherein the return of a Siamese cat with two white toes on one paw was requested.

As a child, she had been an avid newspaper reader and even then read the lost and found columns. A "lost, Angora cat, five toes on each paw, answers to Big Boy, \$5.00 reward" caught her eye and the thought of this fortune led her on a cat safari.

Seeing a large orange and yellow cat trying to get into their garbage can brought the reward money practically into her hands. Deciding she could easily replace the can of fancy tuna from her mother's shelf, she enticed the cat out of its hiding place long enough to be certain he had five toes on each front paw. (This count proved inaccurate at closer look). After two hours of coaxing and feeding, she finally got him into the house. She still has scars to prove it.

The owner breathed sighs of relief over the phone when informed of the capture. These sighs turned into gasps when she hurried over and saw just what Joanne's idea of an Angora really was—and with four toes on each paw!

The entire issue might well have been forgotten except "Big Boy" was so pleased with all the excitement and fine food, he decided to stay. He did, and he also turned out not to be a he. It was the beginning of a long and fertile association.

Are our cats turning soft? 'Twould be no small wonder. When you read of Mrs. Shanteau's boarding house for household pets you realize what we cat lovers are encouraging. Lord Lawrence writes in the *Toledo Blade* a feature story of a unique cat hostelry.

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